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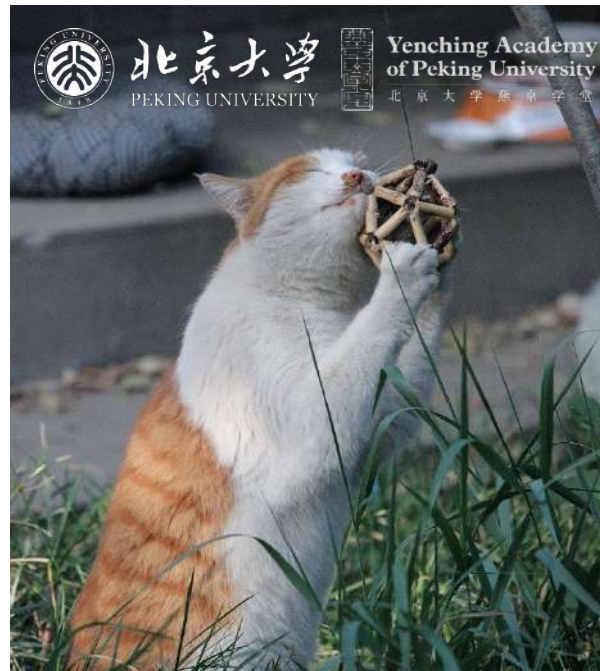
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# Yenching Academy of Peking University

2-Year Master's Degree Program in China Studies

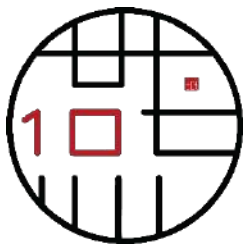


Peking University Campus



## 静园 (Jingyuan Courtyard)

# Yenching Academy of Peking University



## Vision

Aims to build bridges between China and the rest of the world through an interdisciplinary master's program in China Studies.



## Academic Resources

A model of interdisciplinary study in the humanities and social sciences, with the full support of Peking University's unparalleled resources.



## Global Connectivity

A catalyst for international dialogue and a magnet for outstanding young scholars and future leaders - people eager to connect, learn, and lead.



# Master's in China Studies

## Program Highlights

- 2-year Master's in China Studies with interdisciplinary coursework includes core and elective courses, field studies, language study, and thesis writing.
- A full range of courses is offered in English; therefore, Chinese proficiency is not required for admission.
- Students may attend classes in other PKU departments taught in English or Chinese.



## Fellowships & Recognition

- Full fellowships for first year.
- Students who maintain a good academic standing, and plan to stay in Beijing during their second academic year can apply for the second-year Yenching Fellowship.
- Graduates receive Peking University diplomas noting their research areas in China Studies.



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# Full Scholarships and Additional Support



# Scholarship



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All admitted students receive the Yenching Fellowship for the first academic year, which covers:



Tuition



Accommodation



A monthly stipend



One round-trip  
travel stipend



Basic medical  
insurance



Funds for two designated  
field trips connected to  
required courses

Additional funding, in the form of research or student assistantships, can also be applied.

# Other Funds and Exchange Opportunities

In addition to the basic scholarship package, YCA provides various funds and exchange opportunities to Yenching Scholars.

- **First year**


- Dean's Research Grant
- Opportunity Grants - Summer Grant
- Academic Exchange Grant

- **Second year**

- Education Abroad Program
- Academic Exchange Grant
- Trinity College, Cambridge University Exchange Program
- Cornell University Exchange Program
- Seoul National University Exchange Program
- Waseda University Exchange Program
- Language Enrichment Grants
- Opportunity Grants - Fall Grant and Spring Grant
- Student Assistantship







# The Journey Begins: A Two - Year Adventure in China Studies



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# Research Areas



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Students are free to choose elective courses from any research area. Yenching Scholars are required to write a thesis under the supervision of a thesis advisor within their chosen area of research:

China Studies (Economics and Management)

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China Studies (History and Archaeology)

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China Studies (Law and Society)

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China Studies (Literature and Culture)

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China Studies (Philosophy and Religion)

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China Studies (Politics and International Relations)

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# First Year: Curriculum



# Curriculum Introduction (2024 - 2025)

## Core Courses:

- ❑ China in Transition I & II
- ❑ Field Study
- ❑ Topics in China Studies Lecture Series
- ❑ Academic Writing

## General Elective Courses:

- ❑ Quantitative Reasoning
- ❑ Qualitative Research Method
- ❑ Leadership Development
- ❑ Critical Thinking and Academic Writing

## Required Courses:

- ❑ Required Chinese Language Course (for international students)
- ❑ Required First Foreign Language Course (for Mainland Chinese, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwanese students)
- ❑ Required Politics Course (for Mainland Chinese students)



# Major Elective Courses (2024 - 2025)

China Studies (Politics and International Relations)	China Studies (Economics and Management)	China Studies (Law and Society)
<i>Theory and Practice of Chinese Foreign Policy</i>	<i>Introduction to Chinese Economy and Development</i>	<i>Contemporary Chinese Society</i>
<i>Cultural Dimensions of China's Foreign Relations</i>	<i>China and the World Economy: A Macroeconomic Perspective</i>	<i>The Legal Dynamics of Chinese Commerce and Society</i>
<i>Chinese Politics in Historical Perspective (Taught in Chinese)</i>	<i>The Economic Thinking of Chinese Entrepreneurs</i>	<i>Women in Contemporary China</i>
<i>Retrospect and Prospect of International Development Cooperation in China</i>	<i>International Trade</i>	<i>Understanding Social Inequality: China and the World</i>
<i>Reforms in China: Theory and Policy</i>	<i>China in the World Economy: Han Dynasty to the Present</i>	<i>China and International Law</i>
<i>Chinese Perspective on Global Migration</i>	<i>China's Economic Reform and Development</i>	<i>Social Stratification and Mobility in China</i>
	<i>Rural China Studies (Taught in Chinese)</i>	<i>Chinese Population</i>
		<i>Chinese Frontier Societies: A Social-historical Approach</i>



# Major Elective Courses (2024 - 2025)

China Studies (History and Archaeology)	China Studies (Philosophy and Religion)	China Studies (Literature and Culture)
<i>Development of Chinese Civilization</i>	<i>Chinese World Views</i>	<i>Reading Classical Chinese Literature</i>
<i>Ethnographies of Modern Education: China and Beyond</i>	<i>Critical Conceptions for Chinese Thoughts</i>	<i>Contemporary Chinese and American Fiction in Comparative Perspective</i>
<i>Formation of Chinese Civilization</i>	<i>Chinese Classics and Thought: Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism</i>	<i>Guided Readings in the Classics of Ancient Chinese Literature (Taught in Chinese)</i>
<i>History of the Field: Sinology and China Studies from a Global Perspective</i>	<i>Selected Readings from the Confucian Classics (Taught in Chinese)</i>	<i>Art of China</i>
<i>Modern Chinese History</i>		
<i>Chinese Cultural Heritage Studies</i>		



# Second Year: Research and Thesis



# Academic Advisors

164 Academic Advisors from 26 schools/departments at Peking University

## China Studies (Economics and Management)

- Guanghua School of Management
- School of Economics
- College of Urban and Environmental Sciences
- National School of Development
- Graduate School of Education
- School of Government
- College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- Population Research Institute
- School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- Department of Sociology
- College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering
- School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences
- Institute for Global Health and Development

## China Studies (Law and Society)

- Law School
- Department of Sociology
- College of Urban and Environmental Sciences
- Graduate School of Education
- School of Life Sciences
- School of Government
- Population Research Institute
- School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- Guanghua School of Management

## China Studies (Politics and International Relations)

- School of International Studies
- School of Government
- School of Foreign Language
- Department of Physical Education
- School of Economics
- Law School
- National School of Development





# Academic Advisors

164 Academic Advisors from 26 schools/departments at Peking University

## China Studies (Literature and Culture)

- School of Arts
- Department of Chinese Language and Literature
- School of Journalism and Communication
- School of Foreign Language
- Department of Sociology

## China Studies (History and Archaeology)

- School of Archaeology and Museology
- Department of History
- School of Health Humanities
- School of Arts
- School of Foreign Language
- College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies

## China Studies (Philosophy and Religion)

- Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Department of History
- School of Government
- School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- School of Arts
- School of Economics
- School of Foreign Language
- School of Health Humanities



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**Learning Beyond  
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**Field Study Across  
China and  
Extracurricular  
Activities**



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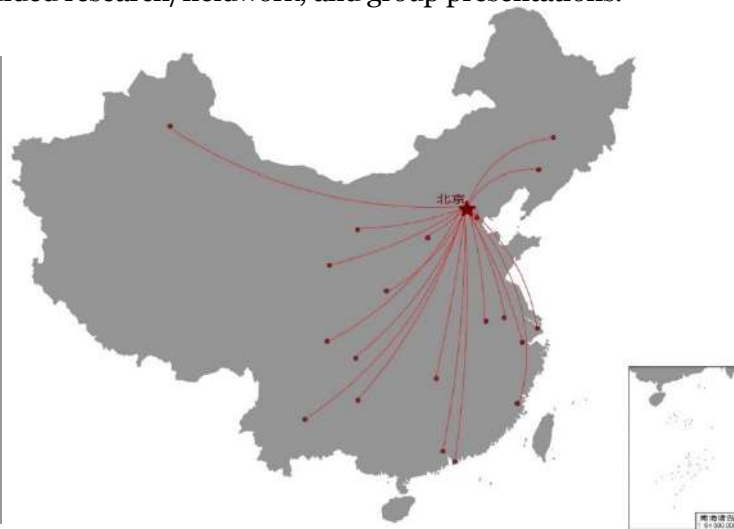


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# China in Transition Field Study

China in Transition is a yearlong compulsory course in Yenching Academy of Peking University. It is a systematic and interdisciplinary survey of contemporary China, a revitalizing civilization-state continuously in search of modernity, sustainability and humanity in the process of nation building against the backdrop of globalization. Under concentrations of economy, politics/law, society/culture, and environment/public health, this course is organized as a sequential combination of foundation-setting lectures, TA-led discussion sections, faculty panels, research-orientation seminars, mentor-guided research/fieldwork, and group presentations.

- In 2017, 40 groups visited 15 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions
- In 2018, 34 groups visited 14 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions and special administrative regions
- In 2019, 30 groups visited 15 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions and special administrative regions
- In 2023, 34 groups visited 18 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions
- In 2024, 31 groups visited 13 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions





# Fall Field Study



▲ Students' acquire first-hand experience about Chinese history, culture, and modern economic development through lectures by renowned scholars, and a week-long trip\* in Sichuan (四川) and Chongqing (重庆).



\*Field study destination may vary year to year.

# Distinguished Guests



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**Irish Ambassador to China**  
Ann Derwin



**Former Prime Minister of Australia**  
Kevin Rudd



**Former Prime Minister of France**  
Jean-Pierre Raffarin



**Former Director-General of UNESCO**  
Inrina Bokova



**Former Polish Ambassador to China**  
Wojciech Zajączkowski



**Singapore Ambassador to China**  
Peter Tan Hai Chuan



**Former EU Ambassador to China**  
Nicolas Chapuis



**Former Prime Minister of Italy**  
Romano Prodi

# Yenching Global Symposium





# Yenching Global Symposium



▲ 2016: **China Meets the World, The World Comes to China**



▲ 2017: **Xinnovation: Identity of Innovation in China**



▲ 2018: **Renaissance: China's Journey in a Global Future**



▲ 2019: **WOMEN: Retelling the China Stories**



▲ 2021: **Shared Renewal: Recoupling East with West**



▲ 2022: **Globalization or Guóbalisation Internationalism in Flux**

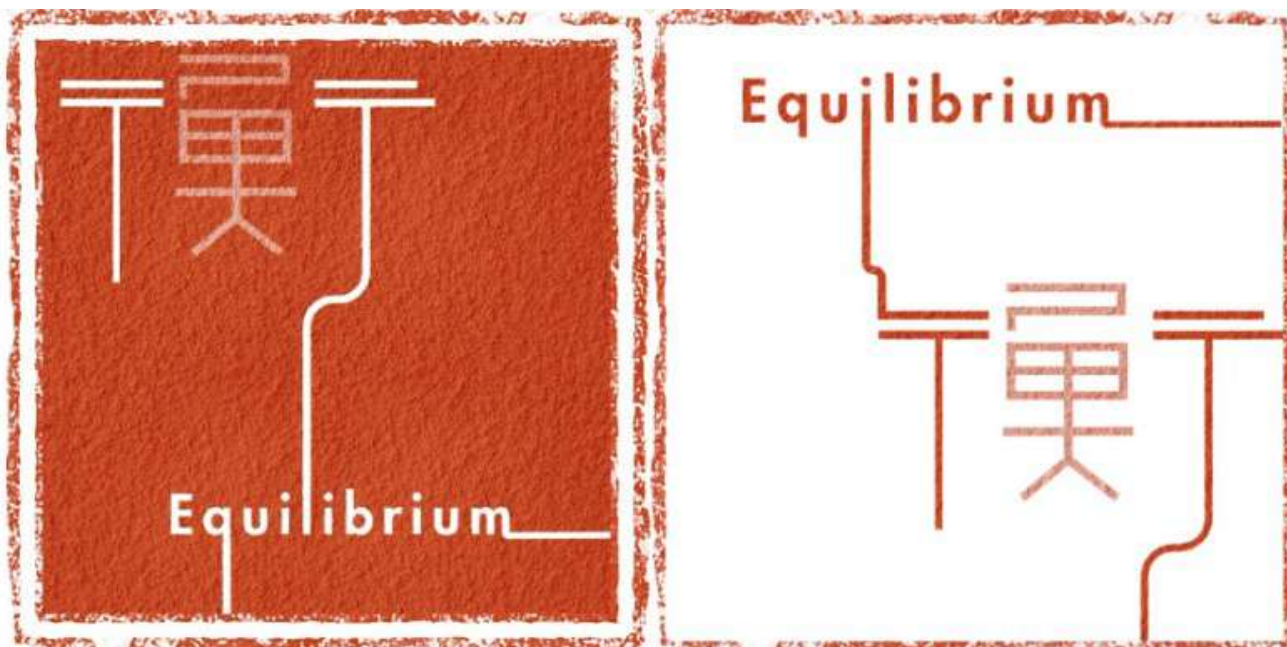


▲ 2023: **Humanity: Cartographies of Collaboration**





# Yenching Global Symposium (2024)



▲ 2024: **Equilibrium: Our World in Balance**



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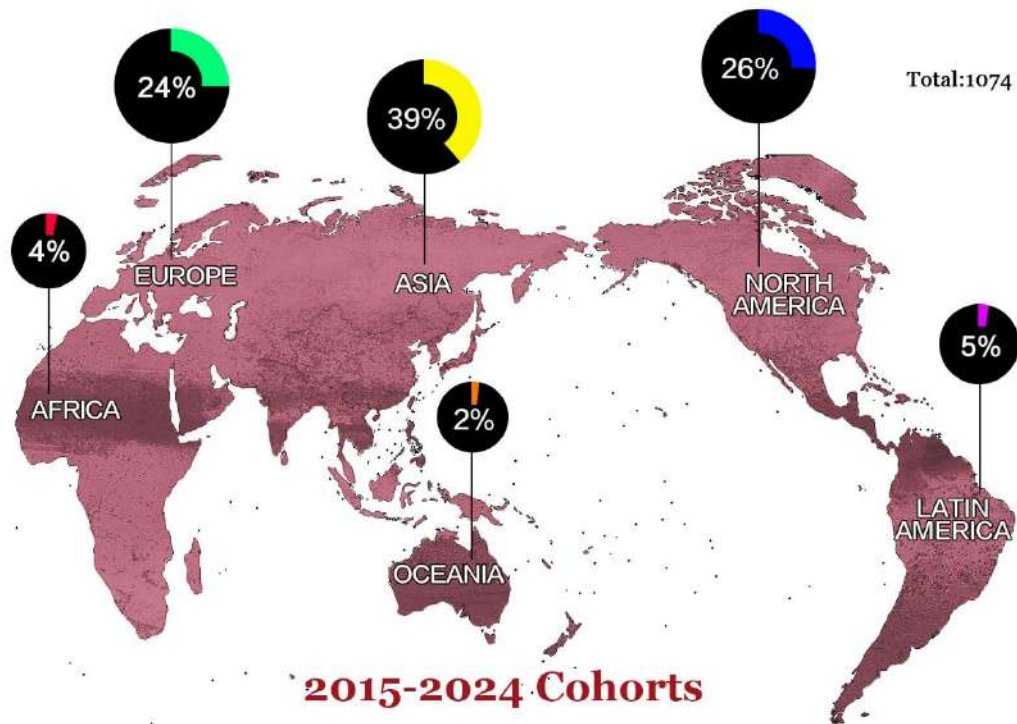
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# Yenching Scholars Overview



# 2015 - 2024 Yenching Scholars

□ Total of 1074 scholars from 85 countries and regions





# 2015 - 2024 Yenching Scholars

❑ Scholars from 390 universities, top universities with the highest number of YCA admissions are:

University	No. of Admissions
Peking University (北京大学)	52
University of Oxford	37
University of Cambridge	35
Harvard University	34
Renmin University of China (中国人民大学)	26
Yale University	26
Sun Yat-Sen University (中山大学)	24
The University of Chicago	23
Princeton University	21
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	21
Stanford University	19
University of Cape Town	18
King's College London (KCL)	15
Leiden University	15
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (SOAS)	15
Beijing Foreign Studies University (北京外国语大学)	14
University College London (UCL)	14
Fudan University (复旦大学)	13
Georgetown University	13
KU Leuven	13
Sciences Po Paris	13
Zhejiang University (浙江大学)	13

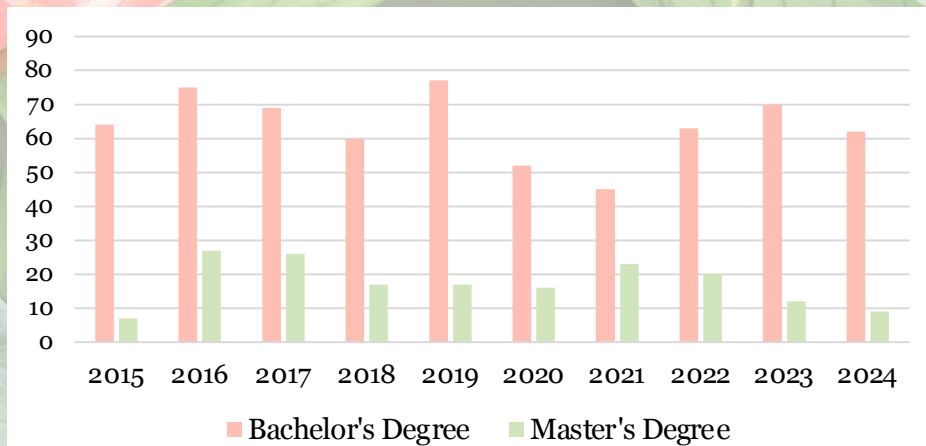


# 2015 - 2024 Yenching Scholars

## □ Educational backgrounds of international Yenching Scholars

Cohort	No. of Scholars	
	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
2015	64	7
2016	75	27
2017	69	26
2018	60	17
2019	77	17
2020	52	16
2021	45	23
2022	63	20
2023	70	12
2024	62	9

No. of Scholars

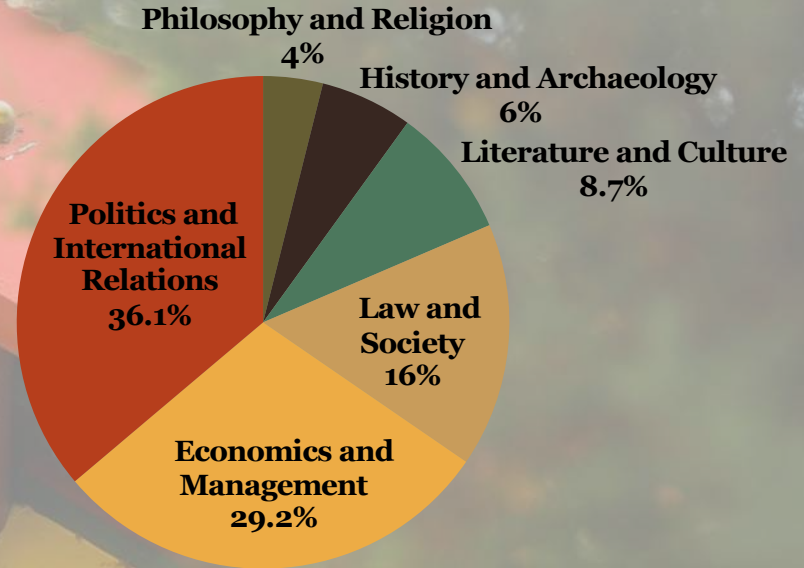




# 2015 - 2024 Yenching Scholars

## Research areas chosen at the Yenching Academy

Research Area	No. of Scholars
Politics and International Relations	388
Economics and Management	314
Law and Society	172
Literature and Culture	93
History and Archaeology	65
Philosophy and Religion	42



# 2024 Yenching Scholars



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102 Scholars from 35 countries and regions

Asia	48
Mainland China	28
Singapore	4
HKSAR, China	2
Japan	2
Pakistan	2
Indonesia	1
Georgia	1
Malaysia	1
Nepal	1
South Korea	1
Taiwan, China	1
Türkiye	1
Thailand	1
United Arab Emirates	1
Vietnam	1

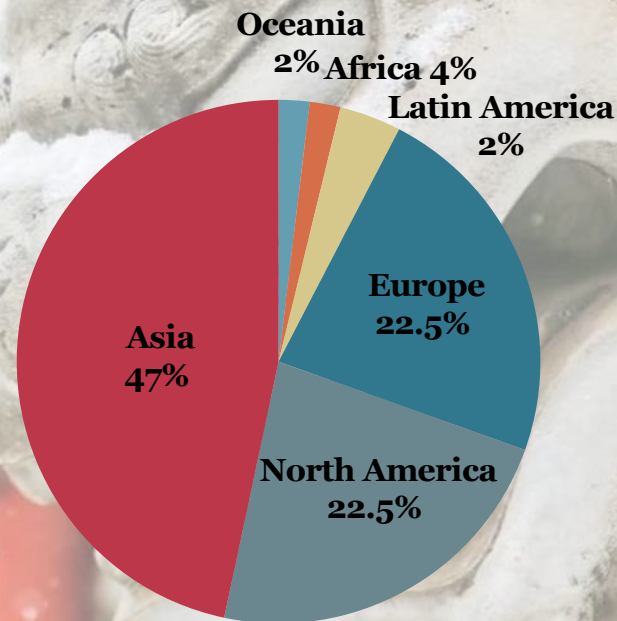
Oceania	2
Australia	1
New Zealand	1

North America	23
United States	21
Canada	2

Europe	23
United Kingdom	10
Germany	4
Belarus	1
Bulgaria	1
France	1
Hungary	1
Ireland	1
Iceland	1
Italy	1
Russia	1
Spain	1

Latin America	2
Brazil	1
Colombia	1

Africa	4
South Africa	2
Ghana	1
Nigeria	1



# 2024 Yenching Scholars



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□ Scholars from 69 universities, top 22 universities with the highest number of YCA admissions are:

University	No. of Admissions
King's College London (KCL)	7
University of Cambridge	7
Peking University (北京大学)	6
Renmin University of China (中国人民大学)	6
Princeton University	4
Yale University	4
Fudan University (复旦大学)	3
Harvard University	3
China University of Political Science and Law (中国政法大学)	2
Duke Kunshan University	2
Duke University	2
Nanjing University (南京大学)	2
New York University (NYU)	2
NYU Abu Dhabi	2
Shandong University (山东大学)	2
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	2
University College London (UCL)	2
University of Cape Town	2
University of Oxford	2
University of Würzburg	2
Williams College	2
Wuhan University (武汉大学)	2







## Scholars from The London School of Economics and Political Science

### 21 Scholars from 10 Cohorts

Cohort	Major(s) & Minor (s) at LSE	Research Area at YCA
2015	Social Policy and Planning	Politics and International Relations
2016	Political Theory	Law and Society
2016	China in comparative perspective	Economics and Management
2016	International Relations	Politics and International Relations
2017	International Political Economy	Economics and Management
2018	China in Comparative Perspective; International Politics of Asia Pacific	Economics and Management
2019	Business History	Economics and Management
2019	Government and Economics	Politics and International Relations
2019	Social Policy; Government	Economics and Management
2019	Economic History	Economics and Management

## Scholars from The London School of Economics and Political Science

### 21 Scholars from 10 Cohorts

Cohort	Major(s) & Minor (s) at LSE	Research Area at YCA
2019	Laws	Law and Society
2019	International Relations	Politics and International Relations
2020	International Relations	Politics and International Relations
2020	International Relations	Politics and International Relations
2021	International Relations; International Security	Politics and International Relations
2021	International Security; International Relations	Politics and International Relations
2021	Economic History	History and Archaeology
2022	Economics	Economics and Management
2022	China in Comparative Perspective	Economics and Management
2024	Inequalities and Social Science	Economics and Management
2024	Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation	Economics and Management



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# Alumni Success and Career Opportunities

# Career Development



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- Assist with internship remark applications
- Answer inquiries regarding work permit applications
- Forward recruitment information
- Provide one-on-one career consultations
- Organize various career events, including employee campus talks, industry insights talks, alumni talks, skill training workshops, site visits, career day event, and etc.

# After Graduation



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## Employment



## Further Education



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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



Harvard University



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



Stanford University



Yale University

BROWN



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



KING'S College LONDON



香港大學  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



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SOAS  
University of London



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# How to Apply to the Yenching Academy



# Applicants



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International Students & Students from the Chinese regions of Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (HMT):

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field or be currently enrolled in a Bachelor degree program and be on track to graduate no later than August 31 of the year in which they wish to enroll;
- Candidates who are students or alumni of our Partner Universities need to apply through the universities.
- HMT applicants need to apply both through the YCA admissions portal as well as the Peking University Graduate Admissions. Failure to complete the Peking University Graduate Admissions application will result in incomplete and unsuccessful application to the Yenching Academy.

Mainland Chinese Students:

- Apply directly to the Yenching Academy through exemption from the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination.

# Application Eligibility



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A prospective Yenching Scholar has:

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field, or be currently enrolled in a Bachelor degree program and be on track to graduate no later than August 31 of the year in which they wish to enroll;
- An outstanding academic record;
- A record of extracurricular achievement, community engagement, social responsibility, and leadership potential;
- Demonstrated interest in exploring diverse cultures;
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary study of China;
- Well-articulated rationale for how the Yenching Academy program will enhance his/her career;
- English proficiency.





## Required documents:

- Online application at <https://apply.yca.pku.edu.cn/>;
- Certificate of English proficiency (IELTS 7.0/ TOEFL 100/ Cambridge 185) for students whose native language is not English or who were not enrolled in an English-taught degree program;
- Diploma(s) or Certificate(s) of Enrollment;
- Transcript from Bachelor's (and Master's) degree programs;
- Personal statement in English (maximum 750 words);
- Statement of Research Interest (maximum 1500 words, excluding citations);
- Resume;
- Two academic letters of recommendation (from associate professors or professors only, letters must be from professors teaching in the field in which you are applying for).

# Application Requirements



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